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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: UNITED STATES V. FRANK WALUS

REF: STATE 90139

1. CONSULAR OFFICER PETERS SPOKE TODAY WITH CHIEF PROSECUTOR AT LUNEBURG FOR TRIAL OF PAUL DEGENHARDT (SPELLING CORRECT). DURING DISCUSSION IN CONSULAR OFFICER'S OFFICE, HE GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
2. PAUL DEGENHARDT IS NO DOUBT DECEASED. HE WAS SEVENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE WHEN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN 1966. HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON PERHAPS FIVE TO EIGHT YEARS LATER BECAUSE OF TERMINAL ILLNESS;
3. FILE OF DEGENHARDT, PROBABLY STILL IN LUNEBURG, IS VOLUMINOUS, PERHAPS FOUR TO SIX METERS IN LENGTH. PROSECUTOR STATES THAT "ALMOST CERTAINLY" ACCESS TO FILE OF TRIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO U.S. ATTORNEY. IN VIEW OF FOLUME, JUSTICE MAY DECIDE: A. TO GIVE VERY SPECIFIC GUIDELINE AS TO WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTRACTED, OR BETTER YET, B. SEND OFFICIAL TO HAMBURG AFTER PERMISSION OBTAINED TO CONSULT COURT CASE FILE TO REVIEW AND EXTRACT PORTIONS DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION IS DESIRED, AND BEAR IN MIND THAT UNFORTUNATELY HAMBURG CANNOT SPARE MANPOWER FOR THIS RESEARCH PURPOSE;

4. CHIEF PROSECUTOR DOES NOT RPT NOT REMEMBER NAME OF FRANK

WALUS, HOWEVER, HIS NAME MIGHT BE IN INDEX OF FILE. HE WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE INDICTED, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN WITNESS AT LUNEBURG. IT IS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, IF WALUS MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ELSEWHERE OTHER THAN LUNEBURG. PLEASE FORWARD ALL POSSIBLE SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF WALUS, I.E., COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, IF JEW, ALIASES, HIS ROLE AT TRIAL. WITH REGARD TO WITNESSES, THERE WERE AT TIME ABOUT FIFTY IN U.S. ALONE, TWENTY OF WHOM SERVED AS WITNESSES AT LUNEBURG. MANY WITNESSES ARE IN SWEDEN, FRANCE, AND ISRAEL, ALTHOUGH MANY MAY HAVE ALREADY DIED. NAMES OF ALL WITNESSES ARE IN DEGENHARDT FILE AND ARE ACCESSIBLE.

5. PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE SHALL BE PLEASED TO GIVE FURTHER ASSISTANCE. KISELYAK

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